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## Dulles to Quit, Salinger Says

By the Associated Press

The White House affirmed matter of factly yesterday that Allen W. Dulles is retiring in a few months as director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

Press Secretary Pierre Salinger said in effect that it has been Mr. Dulles' plan all along to retire by the end of this year and there has been no change in that plan.

Mr. Salinger's statement was made in response to a request for comment on a report that Fowler Hamilton, 50, a Wall Street lawyer with a long background of Government service, is in line to succeed Mr. Dulles.

Mr. Salinger declined to comment on that report.

Others declining to comment included Mr. Dulles, the CIA and Mr. Hamilton himself.

It was learned later that Mr. Hamilton is a front runner among those being considered to succeed Mr. Dulles, but that no final decision has been reached.

When President Kennedy was elected last November he asked Mr. Dulles to continue in his \$22,000-a-year super-sensitive job. Government officials have said privately that Mr. Dulles coupled his agreement to do so with the expressed hope that he could retire about the end of this year.